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The Legislature

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The Solons at Work at the State

Sign Dry Resolution. Austin, Tex.—The joint resolution submitting to a vote of the people the proposed constitutional amendment prescribing statewide prohibition was signed by the presiding officers of both branches of the legislature Saturday and was approved by Governor Col-

In the senate the signing of the resolution was attended with little cere mony. When the measure came to him, President Pro Tem Hudspeth, who is an uncompromising anti-probibitionist, said: "I take pleasure in signing it, and I take pleasure in presenting this pen to the senator from Cooke,

He handed the pen over to Senator Cofer, who, as chairman of the prohibition caucus, led the fight for the measure in the senate.

"I take pleasure in dedicating this pen to the womanhood and childhood of Texas," said Senator Cofer.

The pen was one of the ordinary, everyday sort, used in the senate.

Governor Colquitt promptly approv ed the resolution when it reached him and sent it on to the secretary of state. There was no other person present when he signed the resolution, and as he afterward remarked he dedicated the pen to hard and continuous work.

The governor also approved the sheep scab bill.

Pass Texarkana Charter Bill.

Austin, Tex.—The Texarkana char-ter bill was again passed by the senate, and the act will go to the gov ernor once more as soon as it has been enrolled.

It contains the recall provision, not withstanding Governor Colquitt's ob-jection. He will veto it, and an effort will be made to pass it over his head.

Prepared to sacrifice the commis-sion charter rather than accept is without the recall, and yet desiring legislation for the building of a viaduct, the Texarkana people have re-moved the vinduct matter from the present bill. They will put that through in another bill, so that Texar-kana may have a new vinduct, although it may not get a new charter,

Texas Senate Proceedings.

Austin, Tex.—Among the petitions read in the senate Saturday were a number from citizens of Walker Coun y favoring the consolidation of the Texas Central Railway with the Misouri, Kansas & Texas.

Special order was Weinert's sus-pended sentence bill, which he called up and explained at the request of latthmore, saying the prison reform law in a way contemplated the indefinite or indeterminate sentence, a form, and that his bill was but a step in that direction.

The bill provides that upon first conviction in felony cases, where the punishment does not exceed five years and the crime is not murder, criminal assault, perjury, burglary of a private residence, robbery by means of dead by weapon, arson, seduction or bigamy the court niav suspend sentence upor written application by the defendant. Where sentence is suspended, there

is to be no appeal and the suspension lasts during good behavior and after the court has heard evidence of good character of the defendant heretofore.

Weinert explained that it was measure that would aid youthful of fenders and that it was indorsed by numerous district judges and attor-neys, letters from whom were read. Among those who indorsed it was District Attorney Maury of the criminal district court of Galveston-Harris

Lattimore's Warning.

deep admira Lattimore expressed tion for Weinert's opinion on penal matters. However, it was his judg-ment that it was treading upon dangerour ground to release a man over 11 made and the bill encounter opposi-who had been guilty with deliberate criminal intent.

Greer offered an amendment, mak-ing more specific the provision that any one who is convicted of criminal assault shall not get the benefit of the

law. Adopted. Greer offered an amendment providing that "good behavior" shall be construed to be during a period on which defendant shall not be convicted either of a felony or misdemeanor.

Ratliff and Meachum suggested that

at times a man can not escape an afand this would destroy pension of the sentence and perhaps the intent of the act.

Texas House Proceedings.

Austin, Tex.-The Porter Buchanan tuberculosis patients was taken up on Saturday in the house.

Mr. Nichols, of Hunt offered an amendment making residence in Texas for five years requisite for admission into the sanitarium.

The amendment was tabled after Mr. Hamilton of Childress. Messrs. Buchanan and Brown of Tarrant had spoken in opposition to it, both on humane and constitutional grounds. They said it would be inhumane to permit consumptives to die merely be-cause they had not been in Texas five years, and, moreover, that the amend-ment would probably make the bill un-constitutional.

Mr. Hillyer offered an amendment requiring two years' residence; Mr. Kennedy a substitute making it three

Mr. Robertson of Bell spoke for a three-year residence requirement, saying toat without it Texas would not be overrun with the afflicted who would flock here from other states. He wanted to take care of Texas consump-

Mr. Williams of Daliss argued along the same line, saying it would take every cent the state could raise for this purpose to take care of Texas consumptives. Consumptives from other states could pay if they wished to come to this institution. He thought the state might as well "open a soup-house and invite the vagabonds from all the other states to come down and eat soup with us."

The Consolidation Bill.

The Cotton Belt and Santa-Fe consolidation bills were reported favor-ably by the house committee on common carriers, with minority unfavor-able reports by Measrs. Crisp and Byrne, after a hearing which lasted all the afternoon.

The railroad commission appeared before the committee in opposition to the bills, Mesurs. Mayfield and Williams speaking briefly. Mr. Wortham did not address me committee, but the views of his colleagues were stated to be the unanimous opinion of the com

The first bill permits the Cotton Belt to purchase the Stephenville, North & South Texas Railway, running forty two miles from Hamilton to Stephen-ville, and the East Texas Railroad, running thirty miles from Kennard to Lufkin. The Santa Fe bill permits that road to acquire the eighteen-mile line from Miles to Paint Rock and the forty-two-mile line from San Angelo to Sterling City.

On the last bill Messrs. Crisp and Byrne offered an amendment providing that the consolidation could not be made until the Santa Fe had built an extension from Somerville to Aransas Pass, by way of Smithville and Cuero which amendment was lost.

The Humphrey Bill.

The Humphrey bill preventing re versals upon immaterial errors reported unfavorably by house com-mitte on reforms in civil and criminal procedure, Mr. Humphrey giving no-tice of a favorable minority report.

Mr. Humpbrey expects to make an earnest fight upon the floor for the passage of this bill and believes a proper understanding of its merits will give it a sufficient number of votes.

Pure Food Legislation.

House committee on public healtn reported favorably the White-Hubbard bill placing foods or drinks containing drugs not specifically mentionel in the pure food law under the operation of that law, and requiring the display of placards announcing the drugs contained in such food or drinks in three inch letters upon placards not less than twenty by thirty inches in size.

Adverse to Railroad Bill.

The house committee on common carriers, Standifer chalfman, by a unanimous 'unfavorable vote killed the Baker of Hood bill prohibiting railway companies from making ex-clusive contracts with any one person or firm for the soliciting of transfers upon their trains and depot property.

Favor Court Reform Measure.

House judiciary committee, Nickles of Hill chairman, reported favorably the Cofer senate bill repealing the "rule in Shelby's case." This matter is of much interest to the legal pro-

Bills in Texas House. Austin, Tex.-Bills introduced in

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